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11. (SBU) Econcouns delivered the points contained in Ref. A to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Under Secretary for Disarmament and Non-proliferation Bala Chandran Tharman on November 5. Tharman did not provide any immediate feedback. Econcouns also delivered via letter the points contained in reftel to Bank Negara Deputy Governor Zamani Abdul Ghani. Bank Negara has not yet provided any response to the letter. A U.S. delegation led by Special Advisor for Nonproliferation and Arms Control Robert Einhorn advised senior level officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the Prime Minister and Bank Negara during November 3-4 meetings that First East Export Bank designation was imminent (Refs. B and C). We will report back any subsequent responses.

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